

NACC Confers Four Awards at Convention

Four NACC members received special awards conferred by the association at the Fourth Annual Pastoral Convention of the NACC and the Catholic Health Association, which was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 28-31. The four recipients were honored at the Awards Breakfast on Monday, March 30.

Sr. Shirley Nugent, SCN

Sr. Shirley Nugent, SCN, received the NACC's Prestigious Award, "in recognition and appreciation for her remarkable contribution to professionalism in healthcare ministry through her pioneering leadership these past 15 years in creating and promoting standards for accreditation, certification and ethics."

Beginning in 1982, she initially participated in the articulation and formalization of *NACC Standards for Accreditation of CPE Programs and the Certification of Chaplains and CPE Supervisor*. During the formalization of the United States Catholic Conference on Accreditation and Certification (USCC/CCA), she also served on the transitional board representing NACC. She returned to the USCC/CCA several years later as board member and site visitor for accreditation. Ultimately, she was Chair of the NACC Standards Committee for several years and for the USCC/CCA for three years.

What has leadership in the NACC allowed her to offer? Sr. Shirley likes to begin with a 1841 quote from Catherine Spalding, SCN (Sisters of Charity of Nazareth): "But we believe that the strength of a religious body depends not so much on its numbers as upon the fervor, zeal and devotedness of those who compose it." Sr. Shirley says this quote best describes her experience of NACC "as an organization which has given me unique opportunities to provide 'leadership as a service,' a ministry, since 1812, deeply cherished and rooted in my SCN pioneer community. . . . This same spirit is alive in NACC and continues to bring new meaning and reveal new insights through its structure and most importantly through its members."

Sr. Shirley has resigned the position of Program Director for Catholic Health Initiatives-CPE, presently conducted in the CHI-Eastern Region, as of May 15. Her community has given her a year's sabbatical in Ireland for Celtic studies (cultural

and spiritual.) Under her guidance in the seven years she served at her health system in Aston, PA, the CPE program became dually accredited by NACC and ACPE, and she promoted and implemented quality education curriculums.

Asked to describe what her volunteer service for the NACC has done for her, she says the association has "enriched my life in ministry through relationships with:

"Four outstanding Executive Directors with gifts and talents that have informed the mission of NACC; Presidents of the NACC who generously gave of themselves to ensure our mission; Office personnel whose generosity, competence and availability goes above and beyond the call of duty; National Regional Chairs and Commission/ Committee members who keep the spirit of NACC before members; colleagues who have provided me this arena for collaboration and participation in ministry; and peers who have challenged me in this same arena to constantly widen my world view while sharing their insight and providing support."

Two members received the NACC's Distinguished Service Award: Deacon Arthur Metallo, and C. Rosemary Marmouget.

Deacon Arthur Metallo

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Arthur Metallo "in recognition and appreciation for his strong, steady and calm leadership, through years of transition and change, on the National Leadership Council, and for his warm, kind and sensitive manner that models the servant leadership to which we are called." Art served on the NLC for six years, 1991-1997, during his two terms as Director of Region VII. He also was a candidate for the national office of President-elect in 1996.

Art is the Director of Spiritual Care for



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Arthur Metallo

Resurrection Health Care System, which includes three hospitals and five nursing homes in the Chicago area. Art previously served in positions as chaplain, CPE supervisor and Pastoral Care Director at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL.

Describing what his service in the NACC has done for him, Art said, "I was nurtured, I was supported, and I grew. I was nurtured by the NLC and by the wide variety of experiences through the organization. I was supported by the RLC and the members of the region, for they allowed me to be, to do, and be creative. They taught me how important it was for them to share their thoughts, their concerns, and their issues at hand that needed to be brought forth to the NLC.

"I grew by the many contacts that I had, and most of all, I learned to be more humble as I walked through the many journeys of the past six years on the NLC. We have to learn to be supportive of one another, to care for one another, and to heal one another."

C. Rosemary Marmouget

The Distinguished Service Award was granted to C. Rosemary Marmouget "in recognition and appreciation for her fruitful pioneering leadership as NACC's representative to and the first elected President of the *National Interfaith Coalition for Spiritual Healthcare and Counseling*.

Rosemary is a member in Region IX, serving as Chaplain at St. John's Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri. When asked to discuss her contribution to the